

REMARKS

The original application was filed in Japanese and applicants submit herewith a substitute specification including claims, abstract and drawings, to support the verified translation and to properly place the application in U.S. format.

Claims 1-55 are pending in the application, with claims 1, 4, 5, 11, 14, 16 and 18-21 being independent. Claims 6-9, 15, 17, 22 and 24-28 have been amended and new claims 29-55 have been added. No new matter is introduced.

Applicants ask that the application be examined in view of the amendments made herein.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$2682 for the filing fee (\$770), the additional claims fees (\$1232), the surcharge fees (\$260) and the petition for extension of time fee (\$420). Please apply any other charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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